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Subject: RE: Carus Memo: Notice of FORCE MAJEURE Event at Carus LLC, impacting Potassium and Sodium Permanganate Supply Only

Yes share it with them

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Should I just share this with BOW public water supply folks or what are you thinking?



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Hi Jodie – See below regarding Carus’s Notice of Force Majeure. As we just discussed, can you please get together ASAP with US EPA HQ and Carus (JoLynn and Cheryl, cc’d) to make sure the EPA website <https://www.epa.gov/waterutilityresponse/chemical-plant-fire-and-potential-impact-supply-chain-disruptions> stays current and accurate.

Carus may have some other issues they’d like to discuss and coordinate with EPA as well.

Tony - reply to all if someone from BOL wants to be part of this.

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Carus LLC

January 18, 2023

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Dear Valued Customer:

On January 11, 2023, Carus LLC experienced a fire at the La Salle warehouse, which resulted in significant damage. Fortunately, all Carus employees and emergency personnel are safe and accounted for.

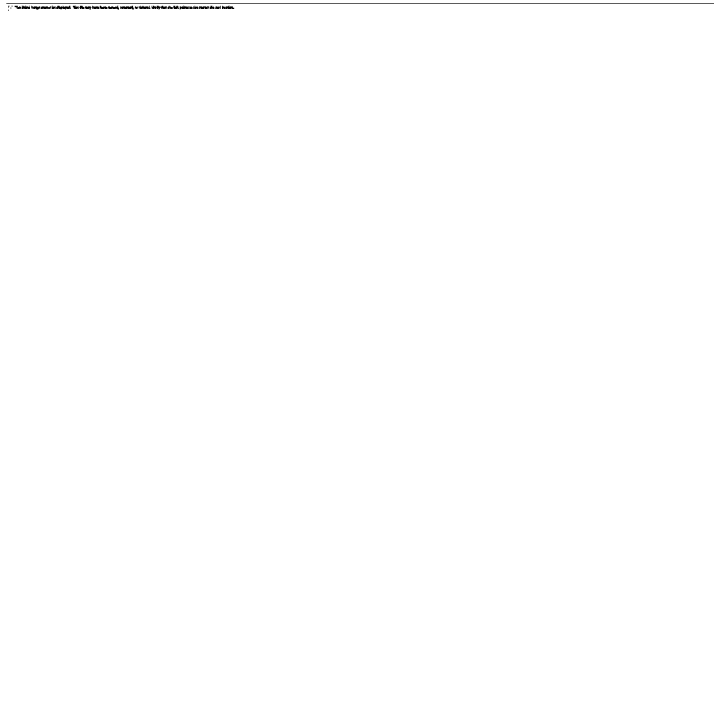
State and federal regulators and first responders responded very quickly and the Fire Chief has turned the facility back over to Carus. We are now investigating the cause of the fire and assessing the extent of the damage. Further information can be found at the Carus LLC website at www.carusllc.com.

We are declaring force majeure as we believe it will be impossible for Carus to fulfill all orders for potassium and sodium permanganate for approximately the next 90 days. We will keep you informed as we get more information. To be clear, Carus is currently unable to comply with the terms

of applicable contracts due to this event of force majeure, including but not limited to supply and notice provisions. This letter is intended to serve as notice of force majeure given the present exigent circumstances.

Please rest assured that we are doing everything in our power to address this issue as soon as possible. We will continue to share updates as they become available, particularly with respect to timing of our return to production, which at this time remains uncertain. In the meantime, please reach out to your account manager at (800) 435-6856 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Andy Johnston, CEO

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